

# BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

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## One Hundred Years Ago.

### ASSESSORS' ANNUAL VISIT.

Is hereby given, that I will attend in person, or by deputy, at Danbury Court house on Monday the 10th day of June 14th, at the Court house, June 20th, for the purpose of receiving any information that may be furnished as to the changes which may have taken place in the assessable property of individuals since the last assessment made under the act of January 9, 1815, and previous to June 1st 1816, which information must be given in writing under the signature of the person whose tax may be affected thereby. These changes extend to:

1—Assessable property omitted to be assessed at the preceding assessment, and property that has been exempted from assessment to the United States or a State, or otherwise exempted, which on its transfer becomes assessable. All such property is now to be assessed. But no alteration is to be made in the previous valuation of real estate in virtue of any improvement thereon.

2—Transfers of real estate and slaves, according to which abatement in the enumerations and valuations of the person transferring them will be made and a correspondent increase in the enumerations and valuations of the person to whom the transfer may be made.

3—Changes of residents and non-residents. These changes will merely require a transfer from the lists of residents to that of non-residents, or vice versa, as the case may be, of the property in the ownership or agency of which such a change has occurred.

4—The burning or destruction of houses or other real improvements of real estate, for which an abatement equal to the injury arising from these causes is to be made.

5—The exemption of property that has ceased to be assessable for which also an abatement equal to its value is to be made.

6—Slaves that have been born or that have died, or have run away or otherwise become useless since the preceding assessment, in these cases, the changes in the preceding valuations are only to be made where the tax chargeable to any person for slaves would be diminished by the valuation on the 1st day of June of all those (excepting such as have been obtained by transfer) then owned by such person, and the reduction in the valuation in such event is to be equal to the difference between the valuation of those owned at the preceding assessment and the existing value of those owned on June 1st, 1816, and an abatement equal to such reduction is to be made.

The whole of these changes are to be relative to the first of June (and in all of them the rates of the valuations made under the act of January 9, 1815, are, as near as may be, to be maintained, except in two cases, one where a partial alienation of real estate shall occur, in which case, as the tax, as fixed agreeably to the preceding assessment, is to be apportioned among the several parts, according to their respective values on June 1, the proportional value (according to the preceding valuation) at the time of the partial alienation, and of the remainder of the property should be stated; the other respecting slaves (other than such as are transferred within the same collection district) which are to be valued according to their existing value, and slaves that have been born or have died or have run away, or have otherwise become useless since the preceding assessment in which case the course above stated is to be pursued.

JAMES STEVENS,  
Principal Assessor for the 2nd District of Connecticut.  
Stamford, May 3rd, 1816.

## Fifty Years Ago.

### A BASEBALL MATCH.

A match game of baseball will be played on the Business College Grounds Saturday, May 5th, commencing at 9 a. m., between the Young America club, Capt. J. P. Prescott, and the Star club, Capt. J. R. Dunham. These clubs are composed of young ladies, most of whom are going to school or students at Bryant, Stratton & Jones' Business College. Should the weather prove favorable, good sport may be anticipated.

### BOMBARDMENT OF VALPARAISO

The steamship Costa Rica arrived at New York yesterday afternoon, from Aspinwall, bringing the important news that the City of Valparaiso was bombarded by the Spanish war vessels on March 31, 1886. Four days' notice was given of the intended attack. The firing commenced at 9 o'clock in the forenoon and kept up for three hours. In one hour a number of buildings were on fire and the flames spread rapidly.

The custom house, bonded warehouses, and other public warehouses, with all their contents, were destroyed. Commodore Rogers and General Kilpatrick protested against the proceeding, but to no purpose. The English and French Ministers refused to interfere. The value of the property destroyed is estimated at over \$20,000,000. It does not appear that many lives were lost by the bombardment.

### IT'S TRUE—FOR ALL OF THAT.

Artemus Ward was out late one night recently. Here is his account of his return home:

"It was late when I got home. The children and my wife were all abed. But a candle—a candle made from tallow of our own raising—gleamed in Betty's room; it gleamed for I! All was still. The sweet silver moon was shining bright, and the beautiful stars were up to their usual jobs. I felt a sentimental mood still so gently ome stealin' and I pined before Betty's window, and sung, in a kind of operatic voice, as follows, impromptu, so witt:

Wake, Betty, wake,  
My sweet galoot!  
Rise up, fair lady,  
While I touch my lute!

The winder—I regret to say that the winder went up and with a violent

crash, and a form in spotless white exclaimed, "Cum into the house, you d-mn fool. To-morrow you'll be goin' round complainin' 'bout your liver— And for all of that, when I thought the matter over to-day, I am forced to agree with mine Betsey.

### LOCAL BRIEFS.

Mrs. Middlebrook, inspirational speaker, will lecture at Lafayette hall, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The family of Hon. P. C. Calhoun return to their old place of residence on Golden Hill, to-day.

In the town of Stratford yesterday occurred the death of Jacob Bloesch, aged 19 years and 9 months. Mr. Bloesch was a German, and had been in this country only four weeks.

## Twenty Years Ago.

### A BULLET'S QUEER PRANK.

The X-rays are all right in their place, but as far as is known none of the recent scientific experiments equalled in point of astonishment what Special Policeman John Conroy saw this morning. A revolver in his hands having been accidentally discharged he distinctly saw the bullet strike the sidewalk, bound twice, and then shoot across the street and lodge in the right knee of Michael McEnery, who was walking along the sidewalk. McEnery limped about to the emergency hospital and was treated after which he walked to his home. No one felt worse over the mishap than the officer, who volunteered to bear any expense that might be incurred by McEnery on account of the accident.

### TO-DAY'S LIQUOR LICENSES.

The County Commissioners issued the following liquor licenses today: Hugh Lavey, 436 Stratford avenue; Jacob Scheitinger, 825 Main street; Albert Pulver, 3 Wall street; Bridget A. Weldon, 665 State street; Andrew Dugan, 86 Church street; Annie Brock, 174 Howard avenue; Patrick Kearney, 8 Hamilton street; Andrew Schaatz, 80 Brooks street; Charles L. Saur (drug), 176 State street; J. H. Cody, (drug), 217 East Main street; Edward Cotter, 173 Lafayette street; John Reynolds, 386 Water street; Gustave Utz, 462 East Main street; Catherine McGrath, 82 North Washington avenue; Harry P. Lane, Stratford.

### NAUGATUCK VALLEY LEAGUE.

The championship season of the Naugatuck Valley league will open in this city, Thursday afternoon when the Vectors will have their strongest team in the field. O'Rourke and Mansfield find the strain too much for Streck, Doherty and Foster on the bases. The infield will be guarded by Terry Rogers and the patrolling of the outer garden will be entrusted to Benedetti, Herbert and Ivers. Foster is now in fine shape and should Mansfield find the strain too much for him the High school youth will relieve him.

Jim Rogers made a two base hit in the game at Cleveland yesterday between the Cleveland and the Senators.

### EX-ALDERMAN SMITH.

The Democratic Aldermen last evening caucused for a candidate for general registrar, and after 21 ballots selected ex-Alderman Daniel Smith. The nomination of Mr. Smith was then made unanimous. The candidates who developed the most strength were Thos. White, John H. Hart and Smith. At intervals there were acrobatic performances by James Farrell, David Penelon, Daniel Rowland and David Norman. The selection of Mr. Smith will give universal satisfaction to all party Democrats, for he has been an unselfish worker for party interests locally for the last 12 years. He is the proprietor of the Park City Granite works, and a man of considerable ability. He has been an alderman from the Second ward.

### HIS 70TH ANNIVERSARY.

Many friends to-morrow evening will gather at the home of Charles Breitner in Cedar street, and here to celebrate his 70th anniversary. Among those who will attend will be a delegation of 40 members of the Arion society. A bountiful collation will be served.

### NATIONAL PASTIME.

Atlantic league, Tuesday: Hartford 13, Wilmington 7; Paterson 28, Newark 10; Mets 6, New Haven 2. At Louisville this morning: New York Giants 9, Louisville 3.

The Hartforders are at the foot of the ladder in the Atlantic association and unless disturbed by the New Haven are apt to remain there. The team that represents the Capitol City is about as weak as could be gathered. Supt. Porter of the Derby Traction Co., has refused permission to an amateur team in Kitchener to use the company's park. He claims that the two league games a week are as much as public patronage demands.

### MORE ARREST PROBABLE.

It is now expected that within a day or two Prosecutor Giddings will issue warrants for the arrest of every saloon keeper in town in whose place of business there is a Kalamazoo. It was at first thought that the complaint last reported only four places but it seems that the impression is erroneous, as Supt. Birmingham has received 14 names from the complainant. All of these he submitted to the prosecutor and the latter will issue warrants just as soon as he completes his investigation. "The Kalamazoos are gambling machines and it is said that they are hidden away in the upper rooms of well known resorts about town.

### CHICKEN THIEVES ARE ABOUT.

The henry of Mrs. John York, in Stratford avenue, just east of the Yellow Mill bridge, was broken into last night or early this morning, and a number of fowls stolen. This is not the first time this henry has been robbed of its inhabitants.

### MORE LICENSES TO-DAY.

John Murren, 16 Wall street; Patrick Cashman, 507 Water street; John Streck, 14 Hallett street; E. T. Flan-

nery, 270 East Main street; Patrick Carrigan, 77 Howard avenue; James Feeley, 402 Pembroke street; John Cooney, 379 Barnum avenue; James McCarthy, 129 Cannon street; John B. Sullivan, 1 Steuben street; Ovid David, 106 Fairfield avenue.

The number of Bridgeport licenses issued from May 1 to the present is 59, exclusive of drug licenses. This is a greater number than was issued in the first three weeks of May last year.

### BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

The board of Public Works last evening elected Frank W. Beers, President and Bernard Keating, clerk. Street Commissioner Lashar and Superintendent of Bridges Hughes were each elected for another year. The board awarded the contract for the building of the Kossuth street sewer to E. T. Doolittle and the building of the Frank street sewer to B. D. Pierce Mfg. Co. The board agreed to macadamize Main street from Congress street to the Bull's Head.

## GEORGIA AN OASIS UNDER NEW LAWS

Atlanta, May 3.—The new prohibition law went into effect Tuesday, and as a result Georgia was really dry. In Atlanta all the near-beer saloons and locker clubs which operated for seven years in defiance of the old law were closed. Even in the social clubs the buffets were closed and it was impossible to get any kind of a stimulating drink. The only man who was assured of a drink was the one who had put in a stock at home in advance of May 1.

Despatches indicate that the situation that prevailed in Atlanta was general over the State. From no place has there been reported an organized attempt to violate the new law. Saloon keepers and locker club managers had made up their minds to quit, and quit they did. Sunday, the last day of grace, was marked by more drinking than usual, but there was no disorder.

Most of the stock in the clubs was consumed before midnight and several clubs went out of business at that hour. One express company has opened a special liquor branch in Atlanta to handle incoming shipments, but there was no business to-day. Consignees must call in person for all shipments, identify themselves and sign the necessary affidavit. There is strong public sentiment behind the new law and signs point to drastic enforcement. In charging the Atlanta Grand Jury, Judge Hill urges the indictment of all violators, rich and poor, white and black. "Georgia has been in a state of anarchy for seven years, the period in which near-beer saloons and clubs have been evading the law," said Judge Hill. He especially referred to those citizens who have put stocks of whiskey in their homes, styling them lawbreakers and anarchists.

"I would advise them to get rid of all over two quarts which the law allows to the citizen for one month. Let them give the oversupply to less fortunate neighbors, or if the neighbors are supplied, let them pour it into the gutter," said the Judge.

### ENTHUSIASTIC EVENING GIVEN BY THE K. O. K. A.

At the boys' meeting of Memorial church, Monday evening, the chief event of which was a debate on the topic of "Resolve, Was the Invasion of Mexico by the U. S. Justifiable" proved a lively time. After the debate which was won by the negative team a general discussion took place among the men present. The debating teams were as follows: Affirmative: Messrs. Humphreys, Read and Soderberg; Negative: Messrs. Koch, Gray and Rowell. There was about 20 of the boys present and good showing of the brotherhood who accepted the invitation to be present at the debate. The boys are now arranging for a "mock trial" which will be very interesting and is to be held soon.

### BIG FIRE IN RALEIGH, N. C.

Raleigh, N. C., May 3.—Fire in the business section here yesterday destroyed seven buildings with an estimated loss of \$200,000.

## DAVID F. ATWATER CLAIMED BY DEATH

Formerly Head of The First Bridgeport Bank.

### OLDEST YALE GRADUATE

Has Lived in Springfield for Many Years.

Springfield, Mass., May 3.—Dr. David Fisher Atwater, aged ninety-eight years and the oldest graduate of Yale University, died yesterday at his home in this city. He was born in North Bradford, Conn., October 29, 1817, and was graduated from Yale College in 1839, and from Yale Medical School in 1842. For the past thirty-two years he has made his home in Springfield, coming here from Bridgeport, Conn. He leaves two children, Mary E. and Charles B. Atwater, both of this city.

Dr. Atwater was descended from David Atwater, who came to the colony of New Haven with the Rev. John Davenport and Theophilus Eaton in the ship Hector. After leaving the Yale Medical School he opened an office in Brooklyn and practiced there for about twelve years, at one time being a member of the Board of Aldermen and for some time City Health Officer.

During the Civil War he was surgeon of the Sixty-fourth New York Infantry, and he was one of the original members of the New England Society and a charter member of the Church of the Pilgrims. For a time he lived in Cleveland, O., but returning East he settled in Bridgeport, Ct., where he became leader of the Bridgeport National Bank.

### ENO WILL CASE ADJOURNED.

Trial Is Put Off Until May 15 Upon Request of Counsel.

New York, May 3.—The contest over the will of Amos F. Eno, whereby the residuary estate, valued at upwards of \$7,000,000, was bequeathed to Columbia University, was called for trial before Surrogate John F. Cohan today and was adjourned until May 15, upon request of John B. Stanchfield, of counsel for the next of kin, who are suing to set the will aside. Surrogate Cohan said that should any of the other counsel have a valid excuse for not proceeding on May 15, the courtesy of further adjournment would be extended to them. Mr. Stanchfield was not ready to proceed, owing to an engagement in Washington, which he said would keep him busy the next few days.

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## CANADA WON'T TAKE SEAMEN OFF CRAFT ON LAKES

Detroit, May 3.—William Livingston, president of the Lake Carriers' association, has made public a telegram from Secretary of State Lansing giving assurance that the Canadian government does not intend to exercise the right of search on vessels visiting Canadian lake ports. A report recently was published to the effect that the Canadian authorities intended to remove sailors of belligerent nations from Great Lake steamers touching at Canadian ports and that any instructions that may have been issued in that behalf have been cancelled. The department states, however, rule for such removal from neutral vessels will be enforced at all seaports.

Secretary Lansing's telegram, as given out by Mr. Livingston, quotes a message from the American consul general at Ottawa as follows: "I am informed by the Canadian department of external affairs that these regulations are not applicable to river and harbor ports and that any instructions that may have been issued in that behalf have been cancelled. The department states, however, rule for such removal from neutral vessels will be enforced at all seaports."

The householder may not be ready for his garden yet, but the insect pests are.

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Coffee }  
Orange } Marshmallow  
Lemon } Squares  
Cocoanut } 10c  
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You can wire a single room if you wish—your living room for the convenience of electric light, your kitchen for the use of labor saving household helps, or any other you may designate. The charge depends entirely on how much you wish done. This special campaign, however, is for not less than 10 outlets which will afford you enough to cover your needs in the ordinary home.

Special combinations of fixtures have been provided for this month's campaign and can be seen at the show rooms of "The Electric Shop" at the corner of Broad and Cannon streets. No doubt the splendid offer made by the United Illuminating Co. for this month will appeal to a great many Bridgeport home owners who have been waiting to have their homes electrified.

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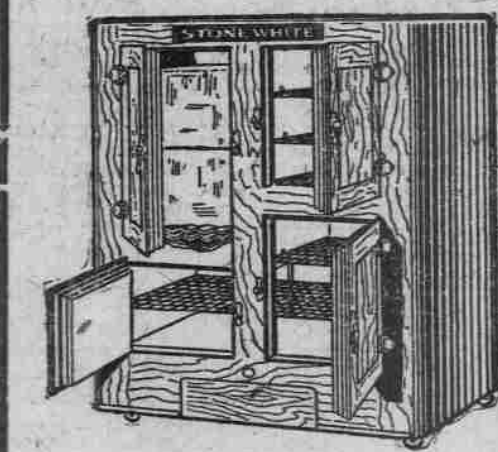
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